

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Amendment filed on 03/13/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-24.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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1. The Amendment filed on 03/13/2007 has been entered. Claims 1-24 are pending in this Office action

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments, see Applicant's Remarks, filed on 03/13/2007, with respect to claims 1-2, 9-10 and 17 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1-2, 9-10 and 17 has been withdrawn.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

3. Regarding claim 1, Applicant correctly points out the distinctions between the pending claim and prior art of record in which the cited references cannot teach or suggest "generating control signals in a first ICD for resetting driver circuitry therein in a phased manner..." and "generating an inter-ICD reset control signal in said first ICD for transmission to said second ICD ..." and "resetting driver circuitry in said second ICD upon receiving inter-ICD reset control signal ...".

4. Regarding claim 9, Applicant correctly points out the distinctions between the pending claim and prior art of record in which the cited references cannot teach or suggest "produces control signals in a first ICD to reset driver circuitry therein in a

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phased manner..." and "produces an inter-ICD reset control signal in said first ICD that is transmitted to said second ICD ..." and "said inter-ICD reset control signal operating to reset driver circuitry in said second ICD".

5. Regarding claim 17, Applicant correctly points out the distinctions between the pending claim and prior art of record in which the cited references cannot teach or suggest "means for generating control signals in a first ICD for resetting driver circuitry therein in a phased manner..." and "means for generating an inter-ICD reset control signal in said first ICD for transmission to said second ICD ..." and said inter-ICD reset control signal operating to reset driver circuitry in said second ICD".

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Payne et al. U.S. Patent 6,744,291 B2 discloses "Power-on reset circuit".

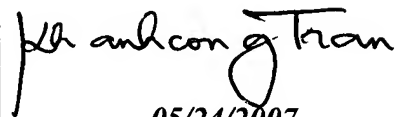
Choi et al. U.S. Patent 6,236,249 B1 discloses "Power-on reset circuit for a high density integrated circuit".

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Khanh Tran whose telephone number is 571-272-3007. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 08:00 AM - 05:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jay Patel can be reached on 571-272-2988. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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